

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 25, 2015
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise Scalph, Matthew Wender, John H. Lopez

The Fayette County Commission met for a regular meeting on this 25th day of March, 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve invoices and release checks today and approve 2nd half payroll for March to be released on March 30th. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Scalph introduced Gabe Pena as the new Assistant Resource Coordinator.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared before the Commission to present exonerations for real property. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve refunds for real property. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Kelvin Holliday, County Clerk and Dr. Serena Starcher, Fayette County Board of Education Interim Superintendent, appeared to discuss the Special Bond Election. Dr. Starcher discussed early voting for the Special Bond Election. As of now, the Board of Education does want all three of the early voting sites to be open. Mr. Holliday will begin the process for these locations. Dr. Starcher will inform the Board of Education Members of the costs associated with three sites and then call Mr. Holliday with a final decision. Dr. Starcher gave an overview of the Special Election, with 3 major projects and 4 small projects.

The 3 major projects will be:

1. New Mount Hope Elementary School-No SBA money
2. Replace Collins Middle School and take 7th and 8th back to campus - \$15 Million bond \$12 Million State
3. Merger of 3 High Schools; Close Fayetteville High School and Meadow Bridge High School and merge schools with Midland Trail- \$5 Million Bond \$12 Million State

All of which would be taking place at the same time.

The 4 smaller projects will be:

1. Renovations to Oak Hill High School where Mount Hope High School merged that were not completed then
2. HVAC at Ansted Middle School-\$400,000.00 bond and \$1 Million SBA
3. Valley High School Athletic Field-combine football and baseball - bond/local funds
4. Addition to Fayette Institute- one classroom-\$650,000.00 bond/local funds

Dr. Starcher read from page 8 to page 9 of overview.

Total project cost is \$66,500,000.00 - \$38,900,000.00 paid for with bonds.

Mr. Holliday stated that by the end of the week he will have an agenda with specific dates. Dr. Starcher expressed her appreciation for the work of the County Clerk's office and all involved.

Funding will not be secured and approved by SBA until December 2015, and then if approved, bond work will start.

Ms. Berry presented the poll worker order. Commissioner Lopez

motioned to approve poll workers and notify Democratic and Republican party representatives. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission approved and adopted the order submitted by the Board of Education. The order will be filed in the County Clerk's office. The results must be 50% of election plus one vote for the bond to pass.

Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, appeared to discuss the masonry repair grant. She presented forms for the Commissioners to sign so the grant could be submitted by the end of March. The Commission acknowledged that they had read and understand the statements of grant. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve President Scalph to sign grant application. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission signed to commit to a \$60,000.00 match, 50/50 grant. Ms. Drey presented a letter of support for the Commission to sign for Plateau Action Network and West Virginia American Water. Ms. Drey read the support letter. Commissioner Lopez motioned to sign the letter of support. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Dan Snead appeared to discuss the Courthouse roof project. Mr. Snead gave handouts for the Commission to review. Two bids were received, Tri State Roofing and Harris Brothers Roofing and HVAC Mechanical. Tri State was the low bid at \$182,883.00. Deleting a section will reduce cost to \$149,282.00, however to go back and finish it later would cost more than the savings. One option would be to rebid, a second option would be to take Tri-State's reduced price, and

a third option would be to drop the project. Since the third option is not feasible, Commissioner Lopez stated to hold off until Commissioner Wender can discuss and give other options. President Scalph asked about prevailing wage. The Commission discussed doing a rebid without prevailing wage or going to the low bidder and asking to take out prevailing wage. Research is to be done on how to handle this.

Tim Houston appeared for the Walker Estate to file a petition with Commissioners to substitute the executrix. The petition substitutes Sheila Walker for Ethel Adkins as administratrix of James L. Adkins. Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, said the petition for substitute of executrix was allowable. The order was presented, Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve and sign the order. President Scalph seconds. Unanimous decision.

The Commission took a recess at 10:25 a.m.

Commissioner Wender arrived at 10:30 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented an order to divide and segregate land for Johnny & Edith Davis. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the combining of land. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a support letter for the New River Recreation Trail Project for the Commission to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign the letter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Lita Eskew requesting to use

the Courthouse lawn for the National Day of Prayer ceremony on May 7th. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request to allow maintenance workers to assist with moving the UKVEDC records and files from City National Bank in Montgomery to the current UKV offices at the Technology Building on 3rd Avenue in Montgomery. The Commission approved.

Ms. Berry presented a request to use the Fayette County memorial Building from Fayetteville Elementary School on March 26, 2015.

The scheduled Commission meeting for April 8, 2015 has been moved to April 6, 2015 because of impending election deadlines. The scheduled Commission meeting for April 24, 2015 has been moved to April 28, 2015.

James Bennett, 911 Coordinator, appeared to discuss 911 center budget issues. Commissioner Wender discussed the decline in 911 fees. The Commission held a discussion on how to control labor costs. Mr. Bennett stated that the 911 center must have 3 dispatchers at all times.

Joe Geiger, WV Division of Culture and History, appeared to discuss Fayette County Memorial Building Records Management Grant. Ms. Berry read the award from the Governor's office in the amount of \$22,243.00 for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Fayette County Commission.

The Commission and Mr. Geiger walked to the Fayette County Memorial Building to assess the basement at 11:30 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at Courthouse at 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Berry presented a letters regarding the following: Mt. Hope water and sewer; use of lights at Boomer ballfield for organized sports; West Virginia University regarding West Virginia University Institute of Technology in Montgomery and requesting a meeting. The Commission signed and approved all letters.

Stephanie Sears presented General County Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets to discuss and approve. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve General County 2015/2016 at \$10,115,064.00. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve Coal Severance 2015/2016 at \$1,271,414.00. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented two Dog Tax invoices to be paid out of the General County Fund. Commission Wender motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.